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Shield Association, is the largest Arizona-based health insurance company.

Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality gets Energy Star award

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality has been recognized as having the first Arizona state government building to receive EPA's Energy Star recognition.

"I want to congratulate ADEQ for improving state government efficiency," Governor Janet Napolitano said.

"We strive to reduce costs and create environmentally friendly working conditions for our employees, and ADEQ has succeeded in these efforts."

Energy Star is a federal program helping businesses, consumers and government protect the environment through superior energy efficiency.

Building owners earn the Energy Star by scoring in the top 25 percent on the EPA's energy performance rating system. Energy Star-qualified buildings use up to 40 percent less energy than typical buildings.

"ADEQ is dedicated to being energy efficient," ADEQ Direc-

tor Steve Owens said.


"We are proud to receive the Energy Star award for 2005 and encourage others to work toward achieving these energy efficient standards."

Bus idling

In a related matter, the Fountain Hills Unified School District was among others from all over the state honored Feb. 21 at the Capitol for its participation in ADEQ's bus idling reduction program.

The legislative event was co-sponsored by The Arizona Clean Cities Coalition.

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